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10000SB1462sam001 LRB100 11206 HLH 22534 a 1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1462 2 AMENDMENT NO. . Amend Senate Bill 1462 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following: 3 "Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic 4 5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section 605-1020 as follows: 6 7 (20 ILCS 605/605-1020 new) Sec. 605-1020. Entrepreneur Learner's Permit pilot 8 program. 10 (a) There is hereby established an Entrepreneur Learner's Permit pilot program that shall be administered by the 11 12 Department on and after July 1, 2017 and prior to June 30, 13 2019. The purpose of the program shall be to encourage and assist first-time entrepreneurs in starting new information 14 15 services, biotechnology, and green technology businesses by

providing reimbursements to those entrepreneurs for any State

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- 1 filing, permitting, or licensing fees associated with the 2 formation of such a business in the State.
- (b) Applicants for participation in the Entrepreneur Learner's Permit pilot program shall apply to the Department, in a form and manner prescribed by the Department, prior to the formation of the business for which the entrepreneur seeks reimbursement of those fees. The Department shall adopt rules for the review and approval of applications, provided that it (1) shall give priority to applicants who are female or minority persons, or both, and (2) shall not approve any application by a person who will not be a first-time business owner. Reimbursements under this Section shall be provided in 13 the manner determined by the Department.
  - (c) The aggregate amount of all reimbursements provided by the Department pursuant to this Section shall not exceed \$500,000 in any State fiscal year.
    - (d) On or before February 1, 2019, the Department shall submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the cumulative effectiveness of the Entrepreneur Learner's Permit pilot program. The review shall include, but not be limited to, the number and type of businesses that were formed in connection with the pilot program, the current status of each business formed in connection with the pilot program, the number of employees employed by each such business, the economic impact to the State from the pilot program, the satisfaction of participants in the pilot program, and a

- recommendation as to whether the program should be continued 1
- 2 beyond June 30, 2019.
- (e) As used in this Section, the terms "female" and 3
- 4 "minority person" have the meanings given to those terms in the
- 5 Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with
- 6 Disabilities Act.
- 7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
- 2017.". 8